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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of Jeffrey L. JOHANNING, et al.

Serial No.: 10/628,396

Art Unit: 2879

Filed: July 29, 2003

Examiner: Ashok Patel

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING ARC TUBES IN HID LAMPS

TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election in response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005 for the above-identified application.

If a Petition for an Extension of Time is necessary for the papers transmitted herewith to be timely filed, this transmittal is to be considered as a petition to extend the period by the amount of time needed for the papers to be timely filed.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, Applicant submits the following election with traverse and remarks.

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

The Office Action has imposed a restriction requiring election of one of two (2) allegedly distinct inventions (Groups).

- I. Claims 1-31, drawn to a product; and
- II. Claims 32-38, drawn to a method.

The Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-31 **with traverse**.

Applicant provisionally elects Species I **with traverse**. Claims 1-31 are all clearly readable on Species I for reasons outlined in the remarks.